

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 15 and ending on line 17 with the following rewritten paragraph.

--A mixture of ~~2,3-di(stearoyloxy)but-1-yl)dimethylamine hydrochloride~~ 2,3-di(stearoyloxy)but-1-yl-dimethylamine hydrochloride and ~~1,3-di(stearoyloxy)but-2-yl)dimethylamine hydrochloride~~ 1,3-di(stearoyloxy)but-2-yl-dimethylamine hydrochloride was formed with a yield of 24 mole%, based on the amino compound.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 27 and ending on page 12, line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph.

--A mixture of ~~2,3-di(stearoyloxy)but-1-yl)trimethyl ammonium chloride~~ 2,3-di(stearoyloxy)but-1-yl-trimethyl ammonium chloride (or 1-N,N,N-trimethylammoniumchloride-butane-2,3-distearate) and ~~1,3-di(stearoyloxy)but-2-yl)trimethyl ammonium chloride~~ 1,3-di(stearoyloxy)but-2-yl-trimethylammonium chloride was formed with a yield of 49 mole%, based on the ammonium compound.--